THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Proposals for 1630 MW capacity have been received from the private entrepreneurs for setting up power projects in Tamil Nadu. The names of the parties are Tamil Nadu Industries Captive Power Company Limited promoted by M/s. G. M. Swamy Associates & Southern Energy Development Corporation.

[*Translation*]

Air Services in Rajasthan

1894. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of proper air travel facility for the foreign tourists intending to visit Rajasthan.

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal for introducing air service for Bambay-Surat-Bhilwara - Jaipur - Sirohi - Ahmedabad, Delhi - Jhunjhunu - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur, Delhi - Jaipur - Ajmer and Udaipur - Ahmedabad - Bombay routes keeping in view the commercial and tourists potential;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which decision would be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, such proposal has been received from the Government of Rajasthan. However, there are requests from time to time for linking more places in Rajasthan by air services.

(c) to (e) Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur and Jaisalmer are connected by air services. Introduction of new air services depends both on availability of airports as well as on traffic potential and commercial viability.

Vayudoot Service for Sirohi in Rajasthan

1895. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has constructed air strips at 14 different places;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Vayudoot service for Sirohi; and

(c) if so, the time by which this air service is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) According to the Government of Rajasthan they have so far constructed the following airstrips:—

1. Hamirgarh (District Bhilwara).
2. Sirohi.
3. Banswara.
4. Dungarpur (partly constructed).
5. Nagaur (under construction).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Railway Line from Sawai-Madhopur to Bikaner and Jodhpur

1896. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any scheme to lay broad-gauge line from Sawai Madhopur to Bikaner and upto Jodhpur;

(b) whether any railway route would be provided between Sawai Madhopur and Jaipur via Phulera and from Merta, one branch line upto Bikaner and the other branch line upto Veeramgaon via Jodhpur, Samdari-Bhildi; and

(c) whether the survey in this regard has been completed and by what time the approval would be given?